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SUBJECT: ARAB INVESTORS NAMED IN FINANCIAL GENERAL
LAWSUIT

1. MARCH 10 WASHINGTON POST REPORTS SUIT BY FINANCIAL
GENERAL BANKSHARES, INC., TO BLOCK "WHAT THE COMPANY
ALLEGES IS A SECRET AND ILLEGAL TAKEOVER ATTEMPT." FOUR
INVESTORS, FROM SAUDI ARABIA, UAE, AND KUWAIT WERE IDEN-
TIFIED IN THE SUIT AS ALLEGEDLY SEEKING CONTROL OF FINAN-
CIAL GENERAL, WHICH IS WASHINGTON D.C.-BASED BANKING COMPANY.

2. IN IDENTIFYING INVESTORS POST STORY SAYS IN PART,
QUOTE: THE ARAB PURCHASERS OF THE FINANCIAL GENERAL SHARES
REPRESENT THE RULING ELITE OF THREE OIL-RICH MIDDLE EASTERN
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NATIONS.

BEST KNOWN IS SHEIK KAMAL ADHAM DIRECTOR OF THE SAUDI
ARABIAN EQUIVALENT TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND
LONG THE CIA'S CONTACT MAN IN THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT. ADHAM
IS THE BROTHER-IN-LAW OF THE LATE KING FAISAL AND HAS CLOSE
TIES TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT.

SAID TO BE DEVOTING HIMSELF NOW TO BUSINESS AFFAIRS,
ADHAM HAS BEEN AN AGENT FOR BOEING AND LOCKHEED IN AIRCRAFT

SALES AND IS A KEY FIGURE IN FIRST ARABIAN CORP., WHICH
OWNS THE FINANCIALLY-TROUBLED BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN
DETROIT.

TWO OF THE BUYERS ARE SONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
ARAB EMIRATES, SHEIK ZAYED BIN SULTAN AN-NAHIYAN, RULER
OF ABU DHABI. ABU DHABI HAS THE HIGHEST PER CAPITA INCOME
IN THE WORLD, DOLS 33,000 PER YEAR.

ONE BLOCK OF STOCK WAS BOUGHT BY ABU DHABI'S CROWN PRINCE,
SHEIK SULTAN BIN ZAID AL-NAHYAN, ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF
HIS BROTHER MOHAMMED, WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT 12 YEARS
OLD. THE YOUTH'S INTERESTS ARE MANAGED BY ABDULLAH
DARWISH, FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE ROYAL FAMILY.

LESS IS KNOWN OF THE FOURTH BUYER, ABU SAUD AL-FULAQ,
REPORTEDLY A FINANCIAL CONSULTANT TO THE RULING FAMILY
OF KUWAIT. END QUOTE.

3. FOR KUWAIT: COLLECTIVE ARP MEMORY CANNOT RECALL AN
ABU SAUD AL-FULAQ. REFERENCE MAY BE TO MEMBER OF
AL-FULAIJ FAMILY OR TO KHALED ABU SU'UD.
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4. ABOVE IS TRANSMITTED FOR ADDRESSEES' INFORMATION AND
NO ACTION IS REQUIRED. ARTICLE SAYS THAT NEXT COURT
HEARING IS SET FOR MARCH 22. DEPARTMENT POUCHING COPY
OF POST ARTICLE TO ADDRESSEES.
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